

**NON-PROVISIONAL
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

**METHOD FOR EVALUATING STERILIZATION PROCEDURES
USING A BIOLOGICAL INDICATOR**

which is:

an ☐ Original; or

a ☒ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, or ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior U.S. Patent Application No. 10/091,742 filed March 4, 2002, which in turn is a
continuation-in-part claiming priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/563,707, filed
May 5, 2000 (now abandoned), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent
Application No. 60/132,186 filed May 3, 1999.

Anticipated Group/Art Unit: 1623.

☐ This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 62 pages.
- ☒ 25 sheets of drawings (formal).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet.
- ☐ Newly executed/unexecuted Declaration (original/copy).
- ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable):
- ☐ Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
- ☐ Computer readable copy ☐ Paper Copy ☐ Verified Statement.
- ☐ Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
- ☒ Name of Assignee: ICF Technologies, Inc.

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of Application No(s). is/are filed:
☐ herewith or ☐ in prior application.
- ☒ Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☒ a Small Business Concern, or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A, and seven non-patent cited references.
- ☐ Request for Nonpublication of Application Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)
- ☐ Other:

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